

INDUCED TERMINATIONS OF PREGNANCY: State Summary

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INTRODUCTION

Purpose of Induced Termination of Pregnancy Surveillance

An *induced termination (abortion)* is the intentional interruption of a pregnancy with the objective of preventing a live birth. Abortion surveillance provides information useful in identifying population groups experiencing unintended pregnancies. Such information is valuable in targeting pregnancy prevention programs.

Source of Data: Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy

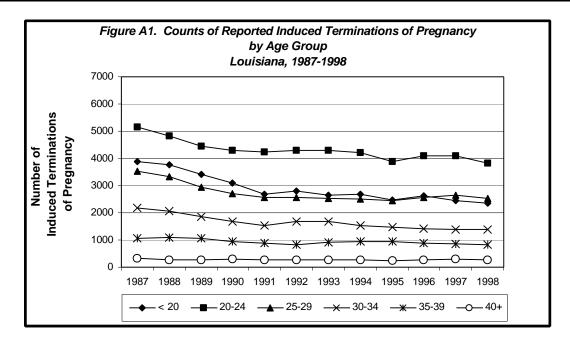
Induced termination information presented in this report is gathered from data recorded on *Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy* certificates for abortions that occurred in Louisiana in the 1997 calendar year. All original Induced Termination certificates flow to the Vital Records Registry in New Orleans. Data are recorded on the certificates by the attending physician. Louisiana law requires that each induced termination of pregnancy that occurs in the state be reported to the Vital Records Registry by the attending physician within 15 days of the pregnancy termination.

Although some states notify Louisiana of out-of-state pregnancy terminations obtained by Louisiana residents, Louisiana cannot reciprocate. A federal court decision prohibits the collection of residency information on women who terminate pregnancies within the state. Hence, no accurate counts of the number of terminations among Louisiana residents are available. Counts used in this chapter represent terminations that occurred in Louisiana, and included out-of-state residents who obtained induced terminations in Louisiana.

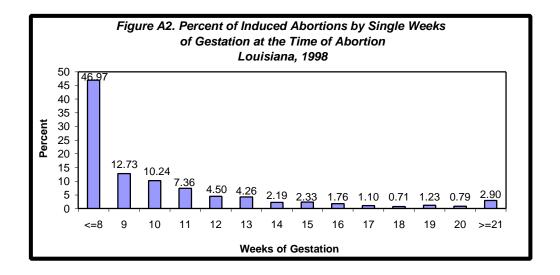
INDUCED TERMINATION COUNTS

- There were 11,351 induced terminations of pregnancy reported in Louisiana in 1998. The number of
 induced terminations reported in Louisiana has declined since the mid 1980's and has remained stable
 throughout the 1990's (Figure A1, Table A1).
- Since 1987, women aged 20-24 have had the highest number of abortions among all age groups. In 1998, women in this age group accounted for approximately one-third (33.6%) of all abortions, while women aged <15 years obtained 1.1% of all abortions (Table A1).

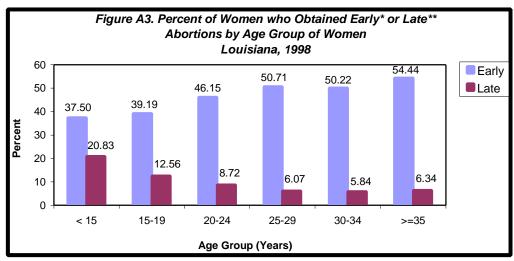
7	Table A1. Counts of Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Age Group Reported Occurrences in Louisiana, 1987-1998													
			Age in Years											
Year	Total	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 & Older	Unknown				
1987	16246	181	3715	5133	3518	2184	1070	297	12	136				
1988	15367	187	3577	4815	3325	2056	1075	247	19	66				
1989	14210	171	3236	4446	2929	1864	1048	245	10	261				
1990	13020	150	2934	4287	2716	1670	938	267	14	44				
1991	12190	128	2562	4221	2549	1543	878	260	13	36				
1992	12468	191	2597	4288	2571	1683	838	237	15	48				
1993	12373	157	2487	4300	2543	1667	917	259	15	28				
1994	12154	169	2500	4215	2505	1517	929	257	17	45				
1995	11491	141	2333	3895	2428	1468	936	226	11	53				
1996	11884	143	2489	4083	2553	1417	876	262	16	45				
1997	11739	147	2285	4087	2650	1375	849	265	22	59				
1998	11351	120	2238	3818	2538	1386	829	262	13	147				



• Women who were undergoing an abortion were more likely to be young and unmarried. Approximately 47% of all abortions were performed at £8 weeks of gestation, and approximately 82% were before 13 weeks (Figure A2, Table A2).



• Younger women (i.e., women aged ≤19 years) were more likely to obtain abortions later in pregnancy than were older women (Figure A3, Table A4).



*Early abortion is ≤8 weeks of gestation

**Late abortion is ≥16 weeks of gestation

Tables A2 through A4 describe occurrences of induced terminations of pregnancy in Louisiana during 1998.

Table A2. Cou	Table A2. Counts of Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Weeks of Gestation and Type of Procedure Reported Occurrences in Louisiana, 1998													
Weeks of		Curet	Curettage		rauterine stillation			Dilation and						
Gestation	Total	Suction	Sharp	Saline	Prostaglandin	Hysterotomy	Hysterectomy	Evacuation	Other	Unknown				
ALL	11351	10410	8	-	-	-	-	283	20	630				
8 AND UNDER	5332	5020	4	-	-	-	-	16	-	292				
9	1445	1356	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	86				
10	1162	1096	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	61				
11	836	780	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	54				
12	511	483	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	23				
13	483			-	-	-	-	-	-	33				
14	249			-	-	-	-	3	-	24				
15	265			-	-	-	-	1	-	18				
16	200			-	-	-	-	25	3	22				
17	125		-	-	-	-	-	44	2	-				
18	81	55	-	-	-	-	-	20	5	1				
19	140		1	-	-	-	-	45	2	3				
20	90		-	-	-	-	-	28	5	2				
21 AND OVER	329	235	1	-	-	-	-	87	3	3				
UNKNOWN	103	95	-	-	-	-	-	-		8				

Table A3. Counts	Table A3. Counts of Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Reason of Abortion and Age												
Reported Occurrences in Louisiana, 1998													
			Age										
		Under							<i>4</i> 5 &				
Reason for Abortion	Total	15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	Older	Unk.			
All reasons	11351	120	2238	3818	2538	1386	829	262	13	147			
Mental health	164	1	28	46	38	26	20	4	1	-			
Physical health	19	1	1	4	5	7	-	1	-	-			
Risk of fetal deformity	7	1	-	1	1	2	1	1	1	-			
Rape or incest	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Other	250	2	39	72	69	37	24	6	-	1			
Unknown	10908	115	2169	3694	2425	1314	784	250	11	146			

Table A4. Counts of Induced Terminations of Pregnancy By Weeks of Gestation, Age, Race, and Marital Status														
		Ву								ıvıarıt na, 19		atus		
			•				Age			•			Marital Stat	us
Weeks of			Under	15-	20-	25-	30-	35-	40-	45 &				
gestation	Race	Total	15	19	24	29	34	39	44	Older	Unk.	Married	Unmarried	Unknown
ALL	ALL	11351	120	2238	3818	2538	1386	829	262	13	147	839	4244	6268
, , , ,	WHITE	5055	40	1070	1527	1089	677	474	132	9	37	523	2190	2342
	BLACK	5718	72	1065	2142	1324	633	315	103		62	244	1884	3590
	OTHER	169	-	16	59	37	23	17	17	-	-	34	32	103
	UNK	409	8	87	90	88	53	23	10	2	48	38	138	233
8 AND UNDER	ALL	5332	45	877	1762	1287	696	454	144	3	64	404	1789	3139
	WHITE	2542	21	465	752	583	354	268	76		20	265	1030	1247
	BLACK	2498	21	374	934	634	298	156	50	-	31	94	685	1719
	OTHER	113	-	8	34	28	17	15	11	-	-	23	21	69
	UNK	179	3	30	42	42	27	15	7	-	13	22	53	104
9	ALL	1445	9	276	474	334	190	105	42	3	12	132	583	730
	WHITE	628	7	133	172	135	87	62	25	3	4	74	279	275
	BLACK	744	1	129	285	183	91	37	14	-	4	51	279	414
	OTHER	18	-	3	5	4	2	2	2	-	-	4	4	10
	UNK	55	1	11	12	12	10	4	1	-	4	3	21	31
10	ALL	1162	6	231	395	254	151	87	24	2	12	91	499	572
	WHITE	486	1	108	150	103	65	46	9		4	55	243	188
	BLACK	622	4	110	233	140	78	41	11	1	4	29	236	357
	OTHER	12	-	-	5 7	3	2	-	2	-	-	4	4	4
	UNK	42	1	13		8	6	-	2	1	4	3	16	23
11	ALL	836	9	182	308	183	91	42	9		12		318	466
	WHITE	342	1	85	118	69	41	24	4		-	28	160	154
	BLACK OTHER	461 7	6	93	177	105	49	17	5	-	9	22 1	145	294 6
	UNK	7 26	2	4	6 7	1 8	1	1	_	_	3		13	12
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12	ALL	511		123	180 65		50	31	7		2			
	WHITE BLACK	220 266	1	58 59	107	50 54	25 23	16 13	5 2		1	22 8	99 102	99 156
	OTHER	4	_	1	2	1	23	-	_	_	<u>'</u>	-	102	130
	UNK	21	-	5	6	5	2	2	-	-	1	3	9	9
13	ALL	483	6	104	175	100	54	23	11	1	9	14	139	330
	WHITE	187	2	32	70		27	9	4		3		66	
	BLACK	278		68	99		25	14	7	-	2			
	OTHER	4	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
	UNK	14	-	3	3	2	2	-	-	-	4	1	5	8

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gestation	Race	Total	15	19	24	29	34	39	44	Older	Unk.	Married	Unmarried	Unknown
14	ALL	249	3	69	75	46	30	14	6	_	6	14	105	130
	WHITE	105		27	28	18	17	10	2	_	2	8		
	BLACK	131	2	38	45	23	13	4	3	-	3	5		
	OTHER	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
	UNK	12	-	4	2	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	8
15	ALL	265	9	77	80	52	29	10	4	_	4	11	107	147
	WHITE	111		40	30	19	14	4	1	_	2	5		
	BLACK	145		36	47	31	13	6	3	-	1	3		
	OTHER	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	UNK	8	-	1	2	2	2	-	-	-	1	3	1	4
16	ALL	200	3	54	70	38	23	8	1	1	2	16	67	117
	WHITE	87		20	29	19	12	5	1	_	1	13		<u>!</u>
	BLACK	103		29	39	18	9	3	-	1	1	3		66
	OTHER	2	!	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	UNK	8	-	4	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	5
17	ALL	125	4	33	47	21	9	5	3	_	3	11	54	60
''	WHITE	59		19	22	11	3	3	1	_	-	7	31	21
	BLACK	59		13	21	10	6	2	2	_	2	4	21	34
	OTHER	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	UNK	6	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	4
18	ALL	81	3	33	27	3	5	9	_	1	_	6	44	31
	WHITE	30		12	8	1	3	4	_	1	-	4	17	9
	BLACK	46		17	19	2	2	4	-	_	_	2		
	OTHER	1		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	UNK	4	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3
19	ALL	140	3	43	51	19	10	9	1	_	4	14	68	58
	WHITE	40		9	14	6	3	6	1	_	-	7		
	BLACK	91		32	34	12		3	-	-	1	6	<u> </u>	
	OTHER	1		-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ī	UNK	8	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	5
20	ALL	90	1	30	23	14	11	7	3	 -	1	8	43	39
	WHITE	46		16	11	5	8	4	1	_	-	7	21	
	BLACK	41		13	12	9	2	3	2	-	-	1	22	
	OTHER	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	UNK	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1

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							Age					Marital Status					
Weeks of			Under	15-	20-	25-	30-	35-	40-	<i>4</i> 5 &							
gestation	Race	Total	15	19	24	29	34	39	44	Older	Unk.	Married	Unmarried	Unknown			
21 AND OVER	ALL	329	11	88	115	59	23	18	4	-	11	23	171	135			
	WHITE	129	2	37	45	22	11	11	-	-	1	17	64	48			
	BLACK	182	9	46	69	35	10	7	4	-	2	5	102	75			
	OTHER	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
	UNK	17	-	5	-	2	2	-	-	-	8	1	5	11			
UNKNOWN	ALL	103	-	18	36	18	14	7	3	2	5	10	47	46			
	WHITE	43	_	9	13	9	7	2	2	1	-	7	20	16			
	BLACK	51	_	8	21	9	7	5	-	_	1	2	24	25			
	OTHER	1	_	_	_	_	-	_	1	_	_	1	_	_			
	UNK	8	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	3	5			